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## FARBER STORE IS ROBBED BY TWO NEGROES

The store of Depping and Tuepker in Farber was entered Saturday night by thieves, who escaped after being trailed by bloodhounds and officers from Mexico and Moberly.

When the proprietors entered their store Sunday morning they discovered that the place had been ransacked and without attempting to take inventory to determine what was missing they phoned Deputy Stumpler to bring his dogs.

The hounds immediately took up the trail and followed the men thru fields and to a water tank a half mile from the store, where it was evident they had boarded a westbound train.

The party reached Mexico in cars about dark to learn that two negroes answering the description of strangers seen loafing in Farber Saturday had been looting around the east brick plant, but had left shortly before.

The trail led to the west brick plant and Sheriff Blum and his men went as far as Centralia in search of the thieves, but later information was that the men had circled north of town and back to the east brick plant, where they were last seen boarding an east-bound C. & A. freight.

Officers of all towns east of here have been notified to be on the look-out for the men, but up to a late hour this afternoon no arrests had been reported.

The amount of goods stolen has been put at \$25.

## Eula Kellerhals Is Married To Claudie Littrell

Claudie Littrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Littrell of this city, and Miss Eula Kellerhals, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Kellerhals, also of this city, were married at the home of the bride's parents on North Washington street, Thursday evening at seven o'clock, the Rev. C. A. Mitchell officiating.

The bride is a young woman of charming personality, and is well known in this city where she attended McMillan High School. Mr. Littrell was also formerly a McMillan student, and is a young man highly respected in this city.

Miss Kellerhals wore a gown of blue georgette over blue satin, trimmed with pearls, and a white veil with a wreath of sweet peas. She carried white roses. After the ceremony the guests were invited into the dining room where refreshments were served, after which a party was given for them.

The Ledger joins many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Littrell in extending best wishes.

## FORMER MEXICO BOY IS TO BE MARRIED MAY 10

Invitations have been received in Mexico, for the marriage of Miss Stella May Shirley, of Bogard, Mo., and the Rev. Roland P. Watts, of Huntsville, Mo. The wedding will take place at six o'clock Tuesday evening, May tenth at the home of Miss Shirley's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Shirley.

Reverend Watts is well known here, his former home. He is a grandson of the Rev. Wigginton, pastor of the Baptist church in this city years ago.

To Woodmen's Convention. Frank Atkins represents the Mexico Camp of Modern Woodmen of America at the State Convention in Jefferson City, which begins today. W. E. Swan of the Alamo Drug Co., represents Lincoln county at the gathering.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Warner are also attending from here. Mr. Warner is a state deputy of the lodge.

Delegates are assembled once every four years at which time the regular business of the lodge is transacted and delegates to the National convention chosen.

Mother's Day at Littleby Church. Mother's Day will be observed at Littleby M. E. Church Sunday, May 8th. There will be a special program, beginning at 10:30 a. m., with a sermon fitting the day. Everybody is cordially invited.

Frank Cauthorn returned Monday from Colorado Springs for a month's visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Cauthorn of East Promenade Street.

## A Good Road Meeting

We wish every citizen of Audrain county could have attended the meeting of the North State Highway Association in Mexico Tuesday.

The 60 million dollar bond issue was discussed from every angle and State Senator J. D. Hostetter made a most interesting and enlightening talk on the findings of the Ralph Committee of the legislature which recently toured the East investigating roads.

The meeting was a huge success and every man attending it came away with a better understanding of the problem before the state and what will have to be done along the line of distributing the bond issue over the state and at the same time conforming with the Federal restrictions.

The meeting was a most enthusiastic one and a great success. It should help develop further interest here in good roads.

*F. Mitchell White*

## EAST LAKE DEATH TRAP SHOULD GO

President Beird, of the Chicago & Alton, wires Walker Pollock, Tuesday, he would meet Mr. Pollock and his committee in St. Louis Wednesday to discuss with them the elimination of the East Lake Death Trap. This is good news as everyone here desires the improvement made without taking legal action.

Audrain County and the Mexico Eight Mile Road District with the State Highway Commission are ready to join in a suit before the Public Service Commission to force the Chicago & Alton railroad to join them in eliminating the East Lake Death Trap if the railroad is not willing to voluntarily assist them in this work.

This trap is the most dangerous road menace on the North State highway between Kansas City and St. Louis. There seems to be practically no doubt but what the railroad will have to assist in the eliminating of this dangerous passageway under its tracks.

Walker Pollock will take the matter up with a representative of the railroad before any legal action is taken with a view of having the matter amicably settled. This improvement has been under discussion here for several years and because of the increase in the use of the automobile immediate action in doing away with the death trap is paramount.

## COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT RETURNS FROM SCHOOL CONVENTION

E. C. Offutt, county superintendent of schools, returned Saturday from the state convention of county superintendents in Jefferson City.

Reports from the convention indicate that the State Department of Education is well pleased with the plan of enforcement of the county unit school bill. It is said that it will benefit rural districts greatly.

Among other topics discussed at the gathering was the effect increased assessments would have on school main tenance.

## BILLS ALLOWED

The following bills have been approved by the city council and the city clerk ordered to pay them immediately:

- R. S. McKinney, plans for culvert \$14.
- Jury and witness fees in the case of City of Mexico vs Robert Blakey \$6.50.
- International Chemical Company, disinfectant \$28.15.
- Pratt and Davis, horseshoeing \$6.
- William Pollock, feed for city horses \$16.00.
- Criswell Drug Company \$11.00.
- Day work, \$55.40.
- Miscellaneous supplies \$13.60.
- Miscellaneous labor \$8.20.

A Fine Boy. Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Craighead, who reside southwest of Benton City are the parents of a fine baby boy. The family formerly lived south of Mexico.

R. H. (Brick) Fowler, formerly of this city, now Division Passenger Agent for the Illinois Central at Louisville, Ky., has been visiting in this city.

Mrs. A. L. Kredel is spending the week with her mother in Columbia.

## DESTROYED CLOTHES AND USED ONIONS

According to information which has reached this office the two negroes who robbed the store at Farber Saturday night, used special precautions to fool the blood hounds if the dogs were placed on their trail. However they failed as the result of the chase proved.

It seems that when the two arrived in this city they went to a kiln in one of the local clay plants and offered their old clothing to one of the men at work. They had changed to new suits in the meantime. The negro refused to accept the old suits saying he didn't want the dogs on his trail. Then the clothing was burned in the kiln.

The thieves then put onions in their shoes for the purpose of throwing the dogs off the trail. However, as subsequent events show, the dogs trailed the two negroes through the clay plant and to the point where they boarded the train.

## Telegraph Jobs Abolished By Chicago & Alton

CHICAGO, Ill., April 28.—C. & A. offices here have issued orders abolishing eight more telegraph "tricks," the edict affecting Missouri and Illinois towns on the western division.

They include one trick each at the following points: Centralia, Vandalia, Armstrong, and Kansas City, Mo., and Drake, Hillview, Straut, and Nebo, Ill.

Besides these the station at Selsa, Mo., will be discontinued so far as the handling of accounts and the selling of tickets is concerned.

The reason given for the order is the necessary reductions in force because of decreased travel.

Former M. M. A. Boy Sells Lease. Miss Frances Steele of E. Promenade street received a copy of the Ada Evening News of Ada, Oklahoma, Saturday from her friend Robert Hatcher telling of leasing one of his farms of 147½ acres for \$70,500.

The lease was sold at public auction and was bought by Lowry Oil Corporation of Muskogee.

Young Hatcher will be nineteen years old next Saturday and will be remembered as having attended M. M. A. one term.

He also visited here for two weeks last summer. He attended A. and M. College at Stillwater, Okla., until a few weeks ago.

He expects to enter M. M. A. when the fall term opens.

He still retains a royalty interest in the property and will receive 1-8 of everything produced by the oil company.

Entertains Friends. Miss Jessie Pike entertained a few of her friends at her home Saturday evening with a little chatting party. After refreshments were served the guests went to the Liberty Theatre.

Those present were Misses Ida Mae Hooton, Mammie Bailey, Maurine Truby and Jessie Pike. Messrs. Noll and Fred, Leland Bried, Alvin Kelly of Benton City and Tom Fike of St. Louis.

Mrs. Wood Maddox and Mrs. Grant of St. Louis, were the guests Friday of Mrs. R. R. Bockner.

## MRS. MILDRED BROWNING DIES ON TUESDAY

Mrs. Mildred Browning, formerly of this city, widow of Geo. F. Browning, died in Kansas City, Tuesday morning at the home of her son, W. P. Brown ing.

Mrs. Browning was a sister of Mrs. Jane Sullinger of Mexico, also a sister of Mrs. William Emmons, deceased, and Mrs. Carter Cauthorn, and W. J. Botts, deceased. She leaves a son, W. P. Browning, and the following daughters: Mrs. Orvil Powers of Texas, Mrs. William Crawford of Paris, Mo., and Mrs. Wallace Rogers of Columbia, Mo. Her husband died about ten years ago.

Mrs. Browning had made her home lately with her daughter, Mrs. Rogers, but at the time of her death had been visiting her son, W. P. Browning, of Benton Boulevard, Kansas City, Mo. She leaves a number of nephews and nieces in Mexico vicinity; Peyton and Dan Cauthorn, the Misses Cauthorn, The Misses Sullinger, S. P. Emmons, R. M. Emmons, Mrs. Sterl Carter, and Marvin Emmons of Monroe County. She was the mother of the late Arthur Browning of Kansas City, whose wife and several children live in Kansas City.

Mrs. Browning was about eighty years old, and before her marriage was Miss Mildred Botts. She was an excellent woman, with many warm friends.

The remains will be brought to Mexico Thursday and the funeral services will be conducted at the Baptist church at three o'clock Thursday.

The Ledger joins many friends in extending sincere sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

## SELECTION CHOSEN

Dr. C. C. Sealeman, well known here as the former pastor of the local Methodist Church is soon to become dean of a million dollar edifice now being built by his congregation in Dallas.

Dr. Sealeman holds the unique distinction of being the first Methodist pastor to preach for seven consecutive years to one congregation, which he did in Los Angeles, Cal.

His many friends will be pleased to hear of his recent accomplishments.

## HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL IS READY FOR DISTRIBUTION

The "McMillan" is off the press and ready for distribution. Students in the High School will probably receive their copy the last of the week, it being necessary to raise the remainder of the printing bill before they will be given out.

There are not many high school annuals that are as classy as the "McMillan." All the engraving work, and especially the half tones are of very high quality. The panels of the senior class and the cut of the Queen, Miss Georgia Morris, are unusually attractive.

Howard Johnson is the editor of the book and it was printed by the Missouri Printing Co. of Mexico. The pictures of the seniors will appear shortly in the Ledger.

Two Trains of Autos. The Weber Motor Car Co., of St. Louis, celebrating its 10th anniversary, placed orders with the Studebaker Motor Car Co., factory for two train loads of these machines for May delivery. This is 195 cars and represents their expected May requirements. The first 100 cars will be shipped in a solid train load. The Auto Sales Co., of this city, are the local Studebaker distributors.

Among the delegates to the Highway Convention were: F. W. Mitchell of Excelsior Springs, J. L. Williams and W. H. Williams of Wellsville, W. R. Dalton and Wm. L. McCoy of Wentzville and Frank Lammson of Moberly.

Will Spend Summer in Chicago. Miss Vera Blanford, who has charge of the Expression Department at Hardin, will spend a part of the summer in dramatic practice. She will work in Shakespearean plays in Chicago.

Chalhome Jackson returned Friday from St. Louis where he has been serving on the Federal grand jury.

Miss Katherine Murphy is spending the week end with relatives near Thompson.

Bert Roberts is home from a pleasant visit in St. Louis.

## NORTH STATE HIGHWAY ROAD BOOSTERS GATHER IN MEXICO



THE NORTH STATE HIGHWAY

## ROSS WILSON DEAD AT HOSPITAL FROM POISONING

Ross Wilson died of peritonitis poisoning at Amanda Hospital Friday night at 7 P. M., where he had previously been confined because of an operation for appendicitis.

It is said that death was caused directly by some ice cream that the patient had eaten.

Wilson was 21 years of age and resided with his mother, Mrs. Minnie Wilson on South Calhoun street. Besides her he is survived by two brothers, three sisters and three half brothers.

Odd Fellows attended the funeral services that were held at the home Sunday at 1:30 p. m.

The body was taken to New Hope Church for interment.

The many friends of the family join the Ledger in extending sympathy because of this man's untimely demise.

Funeral services over the body of Ross Wilson, 21, were held at the home of his mother, Mrs. Minnie Wilson, on South Calhoun street Sunday afternoon at 1:30 P. M. by William J. Robinson and Evangelist A. L. Hunt, both of the Holiness Church of God.

Immediately following the service at the home the body was taken to the New Hope church near Thompson, Mo., where short services were held and the body was laid to rest in the cemetery at that place.

Wilson was recovering from an operation for appendicitis at Amanda Hospital when peritonitis poisoning, caused by eating ice cream, resulted in his death.

Besides his mother he is survived by two brothers, three sisters and three half brothers.

The Ledger joins many friends in extending sympathy to the bereaved family.

## MEXICO MAN MADE VICE-PRESIDENT OF UTILITIES ASSOCIATION

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 29.—E. R. Locke, president of the Missouri Utilities Company, of Mexico was chosen first vice-president of the Missouri Association of Public Utilities in session here.

Mr. Locke's many friends in Mexico will be glad to hear that he has been chosen for this unusual honor.

## COURT HEARS BOARD

Members of the Audrain County Hospital Board appeared before the County Court in regular session Monday and stated their plans for the year, as provided by law.

The financial report of the Board had been approved previously, this visit being for the purpose of outlining further needs so that the court could provide suitable levy.

The court heard the plans of the board without taking any action of public importance.

## VERDICT FOR PLAINTIFF

A jury in Judge R. B. Hooton's court Wednesday afternoon gave a verdict of \$187 to Crockett Harrison, who was suing Leo Rockenstein for \$212, the commission on a real estate transfer.

R. D. Rodgers represented the plaintiff and C. A. Barnes the defendant.

Wed In Kansas City. Miss Octavia Campbell, of Kansas City, well known in Mexico and a former linotype operator at the Ledger, and Edward J. Gribbin, of Kansas City, were married this week at the bride's home.

The Ledger joins friends in extending best wishes and congratulations.

## GOLDEN BELT MAY BECOME STATE ROAD

On May 10th a committee of ten will appear before the State Highway Commission and ask that the Golden Belt Route, which passes through Mexico and Audrain County, be designated a part of the state highway between Marshall and Kansas City. At present the Old Trails road is the only official highway between the two cities.

There are 50 miles in all this link of the Golden Belt route and is shorter in this territory than the Old Trails. The men behind the movement are the leading workers in that section and feel that they will meet with success before the Highway commission when that body realizes all the facts.

The Golden Belt crosses the river at Glasgow and the movement to build a wagon bridge there has increased interest in this route. The Golden Belt route is marked from Colorado to St. Louis and is fast becoming one of the most popular of interstate roads.

## Country Papers Praised by Editor at Big Meeting

CHICAGO, Ill., April 30.—The country newspapers as a class have a greater influence on progressive, forward-looking, national legislation than any other one element, Wright A. Patterson, editor in chief of the western Newspaper Union, told students of the Joseph Medill School of Journalism of Northwestern University here recently.

This, Patterson, who is in touch with thousands of small country newspapers, said, is "because our national law-makers realize that back of the country press is that idealism of the wish to serve."

It is because the vast majority of the men and women engaged in the community or country newspaper work are broad-minded, broad-gauged men and women, seeing in their calling that privilege of service that is the keynote of success, that these papers have the tremendous national influence they exert collectively, Patterson said.

## LITTLEBY METHODISTS WILL HOLD MOTHER AND DAUGHTER BANQUET

Young people of the Littleby Methodist Church will hold a Mother and Daughter banquet Saturday evening May 7 at eight P. M. Fully seventy-five mothers and daughters will be present to eat the good food prepared and to hear talks.

As it was not possible to have the dinner at the church it will be held at Hedgesdale School.

## BOY BREAKS LEG

Clifford Winters, son of E. J. Winters residing two miles of town, suffered a broken leg Monday afternoon when the horse he was riding shied and fell near the Elks home on East Love Street.

The boy was unable to jump clear of the animal and the horse fell on his leg, breaking the bone just below the knee and tearing loose a large muscle. Altho he will be confined for some weeks the injury is not dangerous.

Postmaster Hall Dead. Postmaster L. J. Hall, of Columbia, died suddenly Thursday in Denver, Colo. He was well known in this city.

Maurice Dorgan, son of E. R. Dorgan, recently had a sheep killed by lightning.

One hundred and fifty delegates attended the opening session of the North Missouri Cross State Highway Association meeting in the county court house Tuesday. Representatives were present from all the eleven counties on the route.

Mayor J. W. Gallaher, in his address of welcome, said he was especially glad to address a good roads meeting since much of his administration would be devoted to improving the local streets.

H. Frank Holman of Moberly, President of the Association, responded, telling of the big things before the convention and urging insistent efforts to make the State realize the needs of more aid to roads in these counties.

Over two hundred sat down to the luncheon at the Hotel Hoxsey at noon Tuesday. Col. E. Y. Burton, president of the Audrain Chamber of Commerce was master of ceremonies. The crowd had marched to the Hoxsey from the Court House behind the Missouri Military Academy band and before taking their seats stood while the band played The Star Spangled Banner and the Rev. Emerson pronounced the invocation.

The M. M. A. quartette sang a selection and then Capt. Moore led the gathering in singing "Snappy, Happy Mexico." The song follows:

There are towns that make us snappy,

There are towns that make us blue, There are towns that steal away away your pepper

Like the sun-beam steals away the dew.

There's a town that has the greatest future,

It's the best of all the towns you'll see

And that town, its coming like a cyclone,

Mexico—the town for me.

Judge C. A. Barnes was toastmaster and in a few well chosen remarks introduced Senator J. D. Hostetter, who recently returned from a trip East with the Ralph Legislative committee inspecting road buildings.

Among other things Senator Hostetter said were:

That Senator Ralph and his committee learned much that will be valuable to the state during their trip. Among other things was the fact that it would be a great mistake not to have the best type of men on the non-partisan highway commission. These men did not have to be high salaried men but it was most important that the Highway Engineer in charge of the state work be the best procurable and to get this type of man he would have to be paid well. It would be a mistake to get a cheap man who did not understand road building.

He stated that the people should not contribute to any organization who was collecting funds to be used in a campaign to finance a move for a certain type of road or certain system. He said this was a mistake and should not be done.

He stated that the highway department at Washington told the committee that the only way the State of Missouri could get its share of the 100 million Federal aid each year would be to build permanent highways. He said this did not mean dirt roads. That the government would sometimes give federal aid to a dirt road to put in permanent improvements such as bridges and establish a grade provided arrangements were being made at that time to have the road permanently surfaced.

He further stated that Washington told them that Federal aid would not be extended unless the State Highway Commission had full charge of all road funds.

## INFANT CHILD OF MR. AND MRS. R. P. WILLINGHAM DEAD

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Willingham of 503 West Maple St., died at 1 o'clock Tuesday morning. Burial will be made Wednesday at the Bean Creek Church, 7 miles northeast of town.

The many friends of this couple join in extending sympathy in their bereavement.

Charles Coons, of San Jose, California, who has been the guest of his aunt, Mrs. M. H. Pasternon, and other relatives, left Tuesday for Altamont, Kansas, to visit his grandmother, Mrs. Permelis Coons.

Former Resident Dies in St. Louis. Word was received in Mexico late Thursday afternoon that Samuel Watkins was dead in St. Louis. He is a former resident of Mexico and a member of the Modern Woodmen. Burial was made in St. Louis Friday.